

Appl. No. 10/521,474
Reply to Office Action mailed January 5, 2007

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on January 25, 2005 and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

The Examiner is further respectfully requested to approve the drawings.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 and 35 USC 372 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 to 20, drawn to a hot-dipped galvanized steel sheet; and

Group II. Claims 21 to 28, drawn to a method for producing a hot-dip galvanized steel sheet.

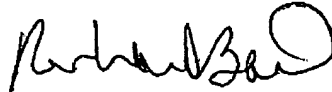
Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 20).

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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